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Left: Dean Keller, Dr. Miles, and students lead the march from the courthouse to SJC. Right: Dr. Miles addresses the audience. (Photos courtesy of B. Scherer).



## SJC Celebrates the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Melissa Piskula, Staff Writer

This past Monday, January 16, Saint Joseph's College celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with activities that reflected on the "Relevance Today of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." The event was sponsored by Saint Joseph's College and the Diversity Coalition. Diversity Coalition's goal was to bring together the students of Saint Joseph's College to celebrate the legacy that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left behind. The day began with a march that ended at Shen Auditorium inside the Rev. Charles Banet Core Education Center, where a number of speakers, including Dr. Norman K. Miles, a Martin Luther King, Jr. scholar, spoke on Dr. King, the effects of his work, and his lasting legacy.

Students met at the Core building and took a bus to the Jasper County Courthouse. From the courthouse, students marched to the Shen Auditorium, where they then listened to speakers talk about Dr. King and what he stood for. One of the speakers that seemed to have an impact on the audience was Dr. Chattin. Dr. Chattin shared his own personal experiences growing up in the South. Keynote speaker Dr. Norman K. Miles, historian, scholar, and lecturer, discussed his views on what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did, the impact he made on society, and how he and his work continue to impact today's minds.

Giselle Salina, President of the Diversity Coalition, stated, "Dr. Miles shared with us three specific reasons why Dr. King is still relevant today. The first was Dr. King's mission is not complete. There is still a problem with race and poverty. The second was that Dr. King stands for the giving of self without being selfish. Finally, the third was that Dr. King showed us the power of vision. It was a great pleasure having Dr. Miles speak to us," Salina explained.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. King graduated from Morehouse College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Later, he graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1951. King then went on to receive his Ph. D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University in 1955.

assassination led to an outburst of riots in over 60 cities, nationwide. President Lyndon Johnson, four days later, declared a national day of mourning in honor of King and his legacy. Over 300,000 people attended King's funeral.

On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill that would create a federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However,

[www.encyclopedia.com](http://www.encyclopedia.com) and [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com), as well as the 2005 World Book Reference Suite).

Nikita Hall, former President of the Diversity Coalition, explained, "I think Martin Luther King was a great man and without him caring about everyone the way that he did, I would not be able to talk to you right now. It wasn't just about the black people during that time; he was speaking about everyone who lived in this world. Martin Luther King wanted all of us to be together and live in unity, showing that it does not matter what color we are-what matters is that we are all God's children."

Salina added, "To me, Dr. Martin Luther King was an incredible man. He fought an amazing fight for equality. Through the Civil Rights Movement, he proved to the world that through peaceful acts, you can make your dreams come true. Although his dream hasn't nearly been fulfilled, you can look around our campus and realize that we are a lot closer to that vision."

If you would like to find out more about Diversity Coalition, contact Giselle Salina at x8190 or gsk5163@saintjoe.edu. The next Diversity Coalition sponsored event will be the Valentine's Day dance on 2/11.



Singers celebrate the legacy of MLK, Jr. through song.

In 1953, King became the Pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Not only did King, in 1964, win the Nobel Peace Prize, he also received the American Liberties Medallion, presented by the American Jewish Committee for his "exceptional advancement of the principles of human liberty." King was not only a great man, but he is also considered to be the most influential leader of the Civil Rights Movement. It was King who said, "Freedom is one thing. You have it all or you are not free."

King was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. King was preparing to lead a march in support of the Memphis sanitation worker's union, which was on strike at the time. The news of his

it wasn't until January 18, 1993 that Martin Luther King's Day was officially observed by all 50 states. Since then, there have been numerous streets, highways, and courthouses renamed to honor King (Biographical information courtesy of



The march consisted of large numbers of students, faculty and staff.

## An Introduction...

Dear Readers:

As the new Observer opinion editor, I would just like to introduce myself. My name is Elizabeth, and I was asked to take over for former editor Andrew Jendraszak, who is currently doing an internship in Indianapolis.

Throughout the course of the

semester, I would like to not only like to share my own opinions on certain issues, but I want to know what you, the readers, feel strongly about. Feel free to write in and respond with your piece of mind. Every voice is important.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Genova

## What Makes a Liberal Arts College Legitimate?

By Elizabeth Genova, Opinion Editor

I can handle that the entire town of Rensselaer shuts down at 8PM and on good days even the tasteless concoctions in the cafeteria, but what really strikes me as shocking is the lack of a foreign languages program and the shortage of international influence on campus.

Answers.com gives the definition of the term "liberal arts" to be "Academic disciplines, such as languages, literature, history, philosophy, mathematics, and science, that provide information of general cultural concern." Because Saint Joseph's College prides itself as a liberal arts college, the fact that there are only two German students and four French students saddens and horrifies me. I will not deny Spanish is essential to the international community, but courses such as Latin and Swahili are no longer even available to the students as they were in past years. In addition, if students are interested in joining French or German at an entry level, they presumably must search at another college because Saint Joseph's College no longer offers these introductory courses.

Please do not misunderstand me; I feel the current professors in the foreign languages department are above-and-beyond dedicated and extremely knowledgeable in their fields, but as the school expands and times evolve, further additions are necessary. Maybe some of you feel I am overly concerned with the importance of foreign languages in an education, but I ask readers to consider the global economy currently, the

future of the business world, and even United States relations. Our students cannot possibly have an edge over the competition in the job market without proper training in college. Some of the reasons I have received for the decay of the foreign languages program is due to "lack of interest" in current students and prospective ones, and if students wish to learn a language not offered here, the school would gladly purchase a computer program to teach one's self the language with. Is that what students pay \$26,600 in tuition for—a \$20 computer program to teach them? If this method were so successful, it makes me question why we have any professors here, because a computer program would be just as helpful and more cost-effective.

Saint Joseph's college has made an effort recently to reach out to the international community by recruiting a few students from Great Britain and Canada along with future prospects from Puerto Rico. Saint Joseph's College is a liberal arts college in many respects, but I feel that the school cannot compete with other small liberal arts colleges in the area without an essential part of the liberal arts definition, languages and culture. Global communication may not concern students with majors unrelated to business or international affairs, but the option of foreign languages is an invaluable tool to those pursuing those fields. I hope next semester when the course schedule booklets are printed, I will find more courses that my college offers in favor of the students' best interests and not their college's bank account.

One of next issue's articles will discuss how well Saint Joseph's College measures up to state institutions as well as other liberal arts schools in the area. Does SJC have the upper hand, and if so, in what ways? In what areas could we use improvement? Please write in with your opinions on this issue!

## Educators Should Leave Weeding to the Gardeners

By Aimee Genova, Staff Writer

Poet Langston Hughes once wrote, "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?" All too often, I hear that people have been discouraged from their desired career path. The reason is not because the person had a change of heart to pursue a different direction but because an advisor just subtly stated "Maybe you are not cut out for this department. Do you have any other interests?" Remember when you were a child and someone said to you, "You could be anything when you grow older. You just have to put your mind to it." For some reason, it seems that the older we get,

our dreams really do get deferred because someone states that we are simply not good enough.

Fortunately, I have not been a victim of a "dream deferred" due to lack of encouragement or just plain discouragement, but I do know that some individuals' dreams have shriveled to an unrecognizable form. Changing majors is common in college, but changing because of other people's opinions, especially educators, is unfortunate and a sad reality. If educators do not make it a point to encourage students in cultivating their true career aspirations despite any obstacles, rather than "weeding" them out of majors, they should start now.

## Opinions

Opinions--you have them we need them. If you would like to voice your opinion, send a letter to the editor or become an *Observer* contributor. Contact the editorial board via our Saint Joe's email account.

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## Students Sum Up Saint Joseph's College

A few students at SJC were asked to sum up their experience here in one sentence...



Photos by Marcy Harris

"I came here dreading the fact that it was in the middle of nowhere; what is truly sick and weird is that I love it..." -Tirza Van Horn



"It's such a close-knit school...I've grown unbelievably since I came here." -Kyle Cosentino



"Siefert West has the best RAs!" -Katie Dolan

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## Volunteer Corps To Fast For Food In “30 Hour Famine”

By Kara Marxer, Staff Writer

How much would you give to help feed a starving child? How much time would you donate to save someone from a famine? These are the questions that some SJC students will be asking in upcoming weeks. The SJC Volunteer Corps is hosting 30 Hour Famine 2006 to help raise money and awareness about the suffering of starving children around the world. Each participant asks for sponsors to raise money to donate to World Vision. On February 25<sup>th</sup> at noon through February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., participants will fast for 30 hours. Each person will be allowed juice, water, and crackers during the event, but no full meals will be allowed.

30 Hour Famine, the annual fundraiser for World Vision, helps feed children all across the world, especially in drought-ridden areas with food shortages. It only takes \$360 dollars to feed one child for one year, which is only \$30 a month. Money raised this year will be earmarked for Niger, a country in northern Africa suffering from a severe famine, Darfur, Sudan, a region experiencing a refugee crisis during a civil war, and Kenya, a country in western Africa also dealing with a dire food emergency.

Campus Minister Ary Nelson, Volunteer Corps' advisor, knows that fundraising events like 30 Hour Famine can really mean the difference between life and death for those who suffer. "We want to make a difference and help other people. Jesus taught us through example that we serve God by serving others. We need to feed the hungry, take care of the poor, show each person that we respect

all God's creations," she notes. "Sometimes the most meager of deeds can make all the difference to someone in need."

Senior Katie Grgic is the student chair for the fast. She firmly believes in the power of individuals working together to achieve a common goal. "People tend to think that there is nothing they can do to make a difference

making a difference. 30 Hour Famine demonstrates how a small personal sacrifice can impact people around the world and help better the lives of others."

World Vision, the sponsoring organization, emphasizes its role in the world with more than 100 countries benefiting from its charitable giving, including the United States. Their mission

this cause." He adds, "I think volunteer activities are very important to the campus community as it can bring people together for the same purpose. It promotes service as a community and since SJC is a small community, and it helps give the school a great name for service opportunities."

Everyone is eligible to participate, including those with special dietary needs, as well as faculty and staff members. Each participant is asked to get pledges from sponsors. All money collected goes straight to World Vision, where eighty-eight cents of every dollar head straight to those most in need. "Most other programs like this only contribute sixty-four to seventy-six cents on the dollar, but not World Vision. They give so much more to those who need it," says Nelson. "I would be gratified if we got enough students and enough pledges that we could feed one child for one year."

Wagner added, "I challenge everyone on campus to help out in any way that they possibly can, especially the student body. If you cannot or do not want to do the famine, then maybe sponsor a friend who is participating. I also challenge the faculty to get involved because service opportunities are about coming together as a community for one cause. I would just like to see anyone who is interested participate in this event in some way, as it's a great service opportunity."

Those interested in participating or need information should contact Katie Grgic at ext. 8103 or kgj4465@saintjoe.edu by Friday, January 27, 2006.

To you, it's just:		To a hungry child, it is:
\$1	A song download	Food for the whole day
\$3	A latte	A day's food for the whole family
\$30	A couple of new CDs	Meals for the month
\$180	A new camera phone	Food and care for 6 months
\$360	An Xbox system	Food for the entire year

(Courtesy of [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org))

in the world and alleviate the suffering of other people. 30 Hour Famine is a way for groups of people to take small steps in working to solve some of the world's problems, while ultimately working to make a large difference in working to fight poverty and end world hunger," she said. "Since 1992, World Vision has raised 80 million dollars to feed people, especially children, in poor nations, and since their inception, the number of children who die from hunger has dropped from 40,000 to 29,000 a day. No matter how desperate the world situation seems to be, we are

statement reads, "World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty" ([www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)).

Likewise, Marcus Wagner, student chair of Volunteer Corps, understands the benefits that an event like 30 Hour Famine can have on the world and here at SJC. "The 30 Hour Famine will help reduce hunger in third world countries. It is a nationwide activity that brings people who have the same idea of wanting to stop hunger together to fight for

## Presidential Scholarship Competition To Heat Up Halls

By Kara Marxer, Staff Writer

SJC will once again be hosting the annual Presidential Scholarship Competition for incoming students. The Presidential Scholarship offers three incoming freshmen full tuition over their four years at SJC. The award is the most prestigious award given by SJC to individuals who demonstrate outstanding academic and leadership abilities.

Each student must meet two of these three requirements: SAT score of at least 1100 and/or ACT score of at least 24, be in the top 15 percent of their graduating class, and have an adjusted GPA of 3.0 or better. Additionally,

each student must be admitted to SJC before January and apply for the Presidential Scholarship, submitting one letter of recommendation on academic capabilities and one letter of recommendation on leadership capabilities. The final part of the competition starts this weekend and is by invitation only. Each student will interview with faculty and staff members and write an on-campus essay. The winners of the competition will be notified approximately 6-10 weeks later.

Admissions Intern Adam DeBeck is excited by what the competition means for the Saint

Joseph's community. "As important as the competition is for the SJC community, it is equally as important for the families who are invited to attend and compete for a chance at this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. In terms of what the event means to those already attending SJC, it is another opportunity for all of us to invite others to get a sneak peek of what life is like in our community. This is a chance for every student to show support for their college in a variety of ways, including volunteering to help work the event at a club table, wearing Puma gear, or saying "hi" to tour groups as they pass by or are eating in the cafeteria."

DeBeck organizes current student participation during the competition weekends by scheduling student workers to help lead tours and direct prospective students and their families to the proper locations. He is also coordinating the various clubs and organizations that will be present during a reception for the prospective students. Each club and organization is asked to have a

member present to give the incoming freshmen some idea of what SJC has to offer. "The SJC community has a lot more to offer than many, at first glance, give us credit for. [We want] to let all of our visitors see that are many various activities and clubs which students can participate in during their college years," says DeBeck.

Admissions Representative Justin Terria is coordinating the entire competition. With a little gumption and a lot of hard work, he believes the Presidential Scholarship competition will come off without a hitch. "We've got a great group of students coming to compete this year. The judges will have a hard time deciding who the scholarships should go to," states Terria.

The Presidential Scholarship competition takes place on Saturday, January 28 and Saturday, February 4 in the Core building. For more information or to add your club or organization to the reception, contact the Admissions Office at ext. 6170.

### Volunteer Corps Soup Kitchen

to be held on Sunday 2/12/06.

To get involved by helping prepare the food or serve it, sign up on the sheet on the Campus Ministry Office door or contact Marcus Wagner at x5346 or mwj4870@saintjoe.edu.

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# Teresa's Box of Indie Goodies

Teresa Moreno



A young child eagerly attempts to become the world's youngest sex offender. *The Observer* staff wishes him the best of luck. (Photo courtesy of [http://images.amazon.com/images/P/B000BOH8XW.01.\\_SCLZZZZZZZ\\_.jpg](http://images.amazon.com/images/P/B000BOH8XW.01._SCLZZZZZZZ_.jpg))

## Shakira Crosses Language Barrier, Should Not Have Crossed Border

Artists that take hold of their creative license and try something new are often highly regarded. Without them, the world would be full of music that never progressed. It would be predictable, emotionless, and dull. Regardless of whether taking a chance creates good music or dreadful music, an artist should still be commended for going out on a limb. They must, however, be able to realize when their music is bad and when enough is enough.

Shakira once had a flair for experimentation and creating a good sound. Her 1998 album, *Donde Estan Los Ladrones?* is the best evidence. On this album she plays around with different instrumentation. In the song "Ojos Asi," Shakira calls upon her heritage. With an Arabic sound suited for belly dancing, Shakira created a pop song that had a sitar in it. It was a hit. As the years spiraled onward, Shakira tried her hand at writing songs in English. She tried to do something different, but these songs were flat and fell short.

In 2005, Shakira released two albums *Fijacion Oral Vol. 1* and *Oral Fixation Vol. 2*. In case the titles were not evidence enough, the first volume was written entirely in Spanish and the latter in English. Volume one, while different than her last Spanish album, *Donde Estan Los Ladrones*, still managed to show off her poetic prose in her native language. Singles such as "La

The musical Scorecard is used to give a numerical value to the quality of an album. A score of 10 is amazing, but a score of 1 would cause most listeners to cry out in pain. Five is an average score. The review does not express the opinion of *The Observer*.

Tortura" proved that she didn't lose her ability to create fun pop songs. However, volume two, her English album, could perhaps be her worst attempt at making music.

First, the orchestration is simplistic, and while there is nothing quite wrong with it, there is nothing that leaves the listener in awe. In addition, her lyrics have seemingly gotten worse since *Laundry Service*, her first attempt at English. The first single off the album, "Don't Bother," has a decent concept, but the lyrics are laughable. "She's almost six feet tall / She must think I'm a flea / I'm really a cat you see and it's not my last life at all." Shakira also has guest musicians that appear on the album, but sadly, even Santana can't help lyrics such as "I'm starting to believe it should be illegal to deceive a woman's heart." Out of the entire eleven songs on the album, only two stand out for having potential, and of those two, one was originally written in Spanish and appeared on volume one.

Commercially, her album may be a hit, but artistically it flounders. From an artistic standpoint, it's hard to even golf clap Shakira's attempts at English. One can commend her on making the crossover, but with two failing consecutive tries to create good art, perhaps someone should throw away her Spanish/English dictionary.

### Musical Scorecard:

Originality: 2

Lyrics: 1.5

Lasting Appeal: 2.5

Album Cover: 4

Total: 2.5/10

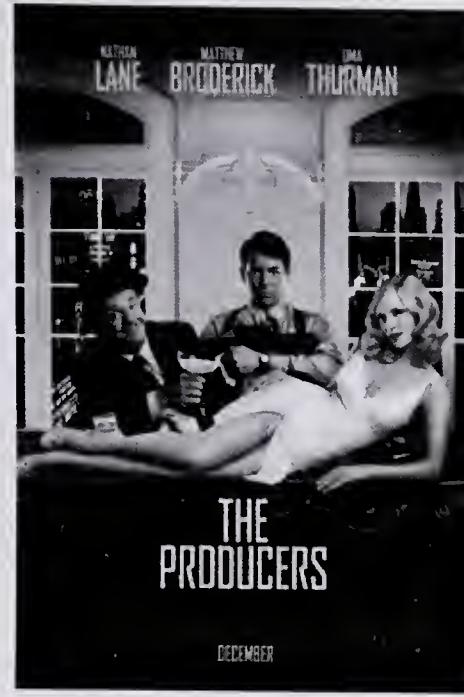
# Nazis Comedy Falters at Poland, Marches to Video

By Katherine Stembel, Staff Writer

Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom are out to find the worst play ever written, the worst director ever to oversee a production, and the worst actors ever to set foot on a stage. Max Bialystock (Nathan Lane, *The Lion King* voice of Timon), a failed producer and elderly lady conman, pairs up with Leo Bloom (Matthew Broderick, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*), a skittish, security blanket sniffing accountant, to raise two million dollars, produce a play doomed to failure, close on opening night, and disappear to a warm tropical island with the cash.

The duo discovers a Fuehrer-loving musical entitled "Springtime for Hitler," written by Franz Liebkind (Will Ferrell, *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*), a thickly accented pigeon enthusiast with a suspicious devotion to the Third Reich. They also employ a colorful director named Roger De Bris (Gary Beach, *Man of the Century*), as well as Swedish secretary and actress Ulla (Uma Thurman, *Kill Bill: Vol. I* and *Vol. 2*), who plays Ava Braun onstage and falls in love with boyishly handsome but shy Bloom.

All seems to be going according to plan, but when



If the real Ava Braun had been as sexy as Uma Thurman, Hitler wouldn't have killed himself. Way to lose the war, real Ava. Try putting on some makeup next time. (Photo courtesy of <http://movies.yahoo.com/shop?d=hv&id=1808716313&cf=pg&photoid=592246&intl=us>)

"Springtime for Hitler" becomes an instant hit of perceived satire, the two producers are in for real trouble.

I was fortunate enough to accompany the Columbian Players to a stage production of *The Producers* last year. Although the movie was deliciously exaggerated, the stage production proved far more impressive. Call me crazy, but there's just nothing like seeing a

marching human swastika in person.

Several cameo appearances are included in the film by actors such as Jon Lovitz (*Rat Race*) as Mr. Marks, a formidable, cigar smoking certified public accountant, and Jai Rodriguez (*Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*) as Sabu, a turban-wearing dancer for transvestite director Roger De Bris, among others. These add interest and humor to the movie, but are brief and inconsequential.

The 2005 version of *The Producers* is a re-make of the 1968 film starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder. In this 2005 edition there was over-the-top acting to match over-the-top characters, but Broderick lost it for me. Instead of being awkward, he just seemed stilted and I kept waiting for Lane to keel over from a coronary.

I simply favor the stage production because the film version of *The Producers* did not keep my attention well enough. I went to the bathroom at least twice thanks to my \$3.75 Pepsi. Save your pocketbook and your bladder the trouble. Rent *The Producers* when you get around to it.

# Family Guy Reigns Supreme

By BJ Houlding, Staff Writer

All right, it's time for the article you've all been waiting for. You got it, I'm finally writing a *Family Guy* review. I won't beat around the bush; *Family Guy* is the crème de la crème, the tops, the height of comedy. Five Smurfs, no question. So rather than debate its merits and flaws, I'll break it down for you so you can see exactly how it manages to be so hilarious.

The most memorable feature is surely the show's super non sequitur segues (alliteration!). Anytime Peter starts a sentence with "Remember that time I..." or "It's like that occasion I...", you know you're in for something random and entertaining. The entire episode might be about Twinkies and nuclear fallout, but does that stop creator Seth MacFarlane from putting in a five-minute fight scene between Peter and an overgrown chicken? You can bet your sweet clams that answer is a resounding, "no!"

That particular segue is itself a segue to my next favorite theme of *Family Guy*. In that scene Peter eventually kills the chicken when falling from an office building...or does he? Evidently



Peter Griffin teaches us all that the key to happiness is morbid obesity, a talking dog, and infant genius of questionable sexual orientation. Inbreeding and liquor should do the trick. (Photo courtesy of [http://us.tvt1.yimg.com/tv.yahoo.com/images/he/photo\\_tv\\_pix/fox/family\\_guy/familyguy12.jpg](http://us.tvt1.yimg.com/tv.yahoo.com/images/he/photo_tv_pix/fox/family_guy/familyguy12.jpg))

not, for the chicken returned in the fourth season for another rousing battle. *Family Guy* is an episodic, stand-alone show, but that doesn't stop the writers from referencing old episodes. In a recent season 5 episode, "The Fat Guy Strangler," Brian hits Peter with a rock for rolling up the windows on the General Lee...which happened in the Season 3 episode "To Love and Die in Dixie."

The final reason why *Family Guy* is so popular and exciting is

its pure comedic value. It's hard to imagine any other show in which a baby shrinks himself down to enter his father and destroy the "competition." And who else would have a parody of "Can't Touch Me" about diplomatic immunity? Nobody, that's who, and that's why *Family Guy* is the lone show on top of the dog-eat-dog animated comedy world. It's so extreme, I give it not only the whole five Smurfs, but also a bonus Gargamel.



# Why Women Cause Everything that's Wrong with the World

By Joe Larson, Co-Editor in Chief

In this article, I had planned to examine the source of everything that is wrong with the world, but then I made an unfortunate discovery: apparently women can read. Somehow between their God-given tasks of cooking, cleaning, and not understanding sporting events, these womenfolk became literate and stealthily acquired a number of rights, among which were the right to vote and the right to not be beaten with anything larger than a two-by-four. With just over half of the college's population holding membership cards at Club Weaker Gender, writing an article about how women are destroying the modern world would be guaranteed to generate a truly record-breaking amount of hate mail. No respectable publication would carry such an article, but thankfully no one has ever accused *The Observer* of being respectable or being a publication. What follows is a politically correct guide designed to help men understand women based on the most accurate scientific facts and hearsay from the 1800s.

And just to preempt most of the hate mail, I openly admit to being an irresponsible journalist, a hate-filled neo-Nazi with an inferiority complex, and the sexiest man alive.

Let's start out with the question that everyone is asking themselves: "How do I know if I'm a woman?" A simple questionnaire holds the answer. Question 1: When running, do you A) flail your arms like a sissy while singing Disney songs and wearing a skirt; or B) occasionally punch other men in the throat. Question 2: Imagine that in a single day you flunked out of school, got dumped by your significant other, and watched both of your parents get stabbed to death by the starting lineup for the Harlem Globetrotters.

Do you react by A) crying; or B) taking solace in the fact that you have enormous male genitalia? If you chose "A" for even one of the questions above, there's a 98 percent chance that you're a woman and a 2 percent chance that you have an irrational fear of the letter "B."

According to my understanding of women – which is based entirely on ten minutes of a made-for-TV movie I saw on Lifetime and gigabytes of video involving midgets in adult situations – women enjoy making arts and crafts and having sex with men who are less than three feet tall. This fact helped lead to the Arts and Crafts Midget War of 1979, just one of the many negative consequences of female suffrage. In fact, since women gained the right to vote in 1920, the United States has suffered through the Great Depression, the Vietnam War, and two sequels to *The Matrix*. While men spend most of their free time stomping small animals to death instead of voting, women consistently flock to the polls in record numbers – probably because the voting booths closely resemble bathroom stalls, which every woman knows can only be approached in groups. The resulting female domination of the electorate helps explain why our national response to North Korea's nuclear program was watching *The Notebook* and having a good cry.

Unfortunately, women are ruining more than just our politics. The non-male gender has given birth to every murderer, rapist, and PETA member ever to live. Stalin, Hitler, and seven of the nine justices on the Supreme Court also came from women. Basically, the female race is a collection of biological vice factories that mass produce all the thugs and criminals that walk the earth, and it seems that

mankind is stuck with this policy until we can perfect cloning or convince wolves to bear our children for us. The problem is that it would have to be male wolves bearing our children, since letting female wolves into the process would again require men to cuddle or pay child support, thereby eliminating any net gain for the human race.

As if these evils were not great enough, women manage to make life even more miserable by complicating the courtship ritual. This article actually started our as a guide for successful relationships – much like my Valentine's Day article last year in which I advocated domestic violence and giving dead animals to your special someone – but then I realized that half the guide was irrelevant. Men more or less alternate between the goals of acquiring food and sex, so if you're a woman having trouble landing a man, either learn to cook or get implants. Problem solved. But it is a bit more challenging for a guy to get a girl since women seem to be driven by a values-based decision-making process mixed with a healthy dose of emotional hysteria. Maintaining a steady girlfriend, spouse, or concubine requires massive infusions of cash, the benefits of which can be completely eliminated if the man happens to say or do something mildly offensive like sneezing at the wrong time or sleeping with her sister. Quite frankly, most men are better off investing in cars, which can be insured in case of an accident, as opposed to women, which are a complete loss at breakup time, meaning that all the money you dumped into her for movies, dinners, and shiny stone objects is simply gone.

Not only are women a poor investment, but they also use the courts against men in their

pursuit of an estrogen-fueled police state. For example, if a woman wants to satisfy her natural desire to gather, she can go on a shopping spree; but if a man wants to satisfy his desire to hunt, he can't just kill a moose with his bare hands. He has to pay money – and possibly go through a class – to get a license to exercise his natural right to destroy God's creation, and even then he can't use his bare hands to do it. There is no license for a shopping spree, even though the destructive power of woman with a credit card is comparable with that of a small hydrogen bomb. Other injustices in modern society are even more obvious. If a man is out in public with a female companion and he admires the superior mammary glands of another woman, it is perfectly legal for said companion to slap the man across the face; but if the man slugs his female companion back as a matter of self-defense, he goes to jail. These are hardly isolated examples of how non-males have ruined the law. If it weren't for women in this country today, it would still be legal to drive 110 mph in hospital zones and plant landmines at daycare centers. With women as the only voting members of society, the situation can only get worse.

Although the law is an effective tool, the cruellest weapon in the arsenal of women is actually a certain monthly visitor. A typical male conversation around that time goes something like this: "Hey Dale, why did Jill chuck a pool ball at your head?" "Oh, it was nothing. She was just on her period." You and your friends will have a good laugh as you receive 72 stitches to stop the bleeding in your head. It seems that this monthly visitor is an excuse for women to behave according to their most irrational

instincts, swinging from happiness to crying to pool ball-chucking so quickly that it inspired the construction of bomb shelters in the 1950s. Women are not held responsible for anything said, done, or bludgeoned to death in this period, meaning that men are usually just best off to cower in fear as society embraces Mother Nature's most deadly temper tantrum.

Women have effectively eliminated everything that enabled men to be men while inflicting their own version of estrogen-inspired doom on the known world, but there is a solution: the male period. In prehistoric times, bands of men could bring down woolly mammoths with sharpened sticks, but today groups of men cannot take down Honda Civics with baseball bats. The natural desire to hunt in packs is being suppressed, forcing males to satisfy their bloodlust through videogames like *Halo 2* and *Honda Civic Hunt Simulator 2006*. The male period would change all of that. One day a month, men would be entitled to rampage across the countryside, slaying economy class cars and anything else that stands in their way. These patriarchs of petty destruction would exercise their basest instincts, eating raw meat carved from the hides of zoo animals or household pets and destroying those who look or act differently than themselves. The streets would run red with testosterone, and for one beautiful day a month men would reclaim their rightful place in the universe. It is only when men and women are allowed to equally express their desires for hormonally-induced destruction that the two sexes can truly be at peace.

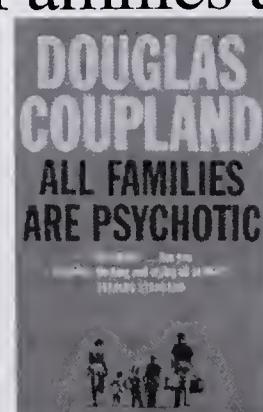
## Book Proves Families are Psychotic

By Melissa Alba, Staff Writer

I can see you rolling your eyes as you read this, but maybe you're tired of watching mindless television. Or maybe you're just bored. Ever thought of picking up a book? (It's a hard concept, but humor me). So, if you're thinking of picking up a book... here's one I do believe you'll enjoy.

No matter how crazy you think your family is, you will look at them in a different light (I know I did) after reading Douglas Coupland's *All Families are Psychotic*. This is one of those books you pickup because A) the cover looks ridiculous; B) you wonder why the title looks wrong; or C) it sucks you in (regardless of whether or not you start to question if there is even a point to the story). Coupland's descriptions remain vivid as he portrays the characters with enthusiasm, prompting the reader to imagine what they would look like in real life.

The story unfolds as Janet Drummond, one of the main characters, sits in a hotel room



reflecting on her chaotic past life. She and a few other characters have contracted AIDS from either sex, drugs, or medical sources, and everyone in her family has not been in the same room in a very long time. And from there, the dysfunctional family's problems just multiply, and the story develops more twists and turns – from affairs to dirty secrets of the past to diseases no one knew about. Each revelation adds more suspense to the story.

What I admired the most was the characters' perseverance and determination. They faced

numerous obstacles but did not give up. It was as if fate had chosen each event to punish them for their past actions. The ending is a *deus ex machina*, and I'd say it was a risky play on the author's part (it worked for me since I'm a hopeless romantic), but it works. There are some universal truths about families in here and incredibly, this book is a fast read. It's not very profound, but like space, it's worth getting lost in for a few hours. The next time I see a shooting star streaking across the sky, I will think of Janet and her quiet awakening.

This was the first of Coupland's novels I've read to date (I picked up the book in the hope of falling asleep and instead got suckered into it). Anyway, I give this book three and a half Starbucks DoubleShots out of five. While I enjoyed his satire and fell in love with the spirits of his characters, there were too many times where I found myself asking if I was simply reading the book for the sake of finishing it.

## Right to Life Marches

By Elizabeth Wissel, Staff Writer

On Saturday January 21, the SJC Campus Ministry Right to Life group departed for Washington D.C. after reciting rosary in the Grotto and a blessing by Fr. Jeff Kirch. Those in attendance were Freshmen Angela Jones, Lauren Stoffel, Jessica Conlin, Paige Popravak, Sophomores Maggie Hagenauer and Joanna Askwith, Junior Elizabeth Wissel and Campus Minister Ary Nelson. They went to Washington with thousands of others across the country to commemorate the 22nd of January. Why is the 22 so important?

On January 22, 1973, abortion was legalized in the United States. "Based on accumulative data from the two primary sources of U.S. abortion statistics (Centers for Disease Control and Alan Guttmacher Institute), it's estimated that around one million abortions take place annually and more than 43 million abortions have been performed in the U.S. since 1973." (<http://www.family.org/>

[forum/fosi/bioethics/facts/a0027730.cfm](http://www2.nnbh.com/0007151705.jpg))

This is the thirty-third year of the march. In 1974, the first year of the march, about 20,000 people were in attendance; in 1993, around 200,000 people attended. (<http://www.marchforlife.org/mflf.htm>) The National Prayer Vigil for Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was held on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. The March itself began at 12 noon with a rally at the Washington Monument, winding its way through the streets of Washington D.C. and concluding at Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court.

Attending the Annual Right to Life March was important to those from SJC. Vice-President of the group, Joanna Askwith, stated, "I revere life in all forms. I feel that it is our duty to protect the rights of those in the womb and those in the wheelchairs."

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## Heart and Teamwork Drive Women's Basketball

By Erika Osborne, *Staff Writer*

Success. Faith. Heart. Drive. These are all words that now describe the women's basketball team. The team has made some major adjustments from last season, one of the adjustments from last year is a new coaching staff. The team is now coached by Amy Siegel who played at Bellarmine, and Tiffany Kelver who played for Quincy. Another adjustment from last year is the style of play. Senior guard Ashley Hughes says the improved style of play stems from their newfound enjoyment of the game. "There is trust within the team that was not there last year." A new style of play and new staff are not the only improvements that have been made. Junior forward Michelle Bova says the biggest improvement is that "We're winning and our chemistry is much better". Hughes explains that the improvement is from within the team, "Our communication from players to coaches is much better."

Looking out on the court you can see the differences, but like

every team, they had to work hard during the off season. Hughes says that in the off season, "We had to depend on one another . . . that brought faith to our team." Bova says that the off season "physically and mentally prepared us for the season which caused us to bond and push each other to the limit." Now with a new outlook on this season, Bova says that the Pumas biggest advantage over other teams is that "we have nothing to lose." So with a new start and nothing to lose the team's record to date is 11-5 for the season and 4-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

According to Bova, "The season is going well, but our record could be better, some games we should have won!" The team appreciates everyone who has come out and shown support and would like to encourage even more enthusiasm. Their next home game is February 2nd against Missouri-Saint Louis at 5:30.



## Senior Leadership Key to Success for Pumas

By Chase Sonen, *Staff Writer*

As the wins keep piling up, and the seasonal ranking keeps rising, the Puma basketball team knows they still have to take it one game at a time. Senior leadership has turned the Pumas from a .500 team a year ago to a national title contender in 2006. If the season were to end today, the Pumas would be the number one seed in their region and look to be on their way for a trip to the national championship. Unfortunately, the season does not end today, and all fourth ranking in the nation does is paint a bull's-eye on the Pumas back for the rest of the season.

There will be no more sneaking up on teams for the Pumas, but thanks to a very balanced scoring output, it is hard to stop the Pumas, who seem to have very few weaknesses. Pre-season All-American Sullivan Sykes (senior) leads the Pumas with seventeen points a game. However, the Pumas also feature a senior loaded starting line-up with Rashad McSwine, Derek Fey, Brandon Turner, and Blake Schoen getting the call each game. With each of these five ready to go off at any time, Sullivan has not had to shoulder as much of a load this season.

Ronald Coleman, who is a key reserve for the Pumas (6 ppg), balances the team as a focal point for this year's success. "We are more balanced this year, anyone can come in and we don't lose anything in ability level on the court, we all have faith in each other to get the job done."

Sullivan Sykes agrees that the balanced scoring has allowed the Pumas to win even though his offensive numbers have dropped slightly from last season, "As long as we are winning, that is what it's all about." When asked if he thought senior leadership has helped the Pumas reach national recognition, Sullivan pointed out it was more than just age that mattered. "On top of being more experienced, we are used to playing with one another and we know each other's abilities, our strengths, and our weaknesses. We feed off each other because we know if we have an off game, the next guy will be there to pick us up and help us win."

This ability to feed off one another has led the Pumas to their best start in school history at 17-1. These wins did not come against cream puffs either. In fact, the Pumas have already beat

three ranked teams thus far this season including two in a row over Christmas Break in Hawaii.

To ensure that this success is not short lived, the Pumas know that nothing short of hard work is needed to keep them on top. Jonathan Pittman, a junior and a key reserve for the Pumas puts it best, "We know what it took to get here and we are not satisfied with our season yet. We have not won anything to this point so we have nothing to celebrate."

This really brings home that no matter how great the season the Pumas are having, in a few weeks it could be one bad game and done. Look at the Colts, 13-0, talks of the greatest team ever, and then boom, end up 14-3, out of the playoffs. When ESPN had a poll the next day ninety percent of people said the Colts had a worthless season despite the great start.

The Pumas do not want this to happen to them and will continue to look to the senior leadership in order to make sure that there is no let down. If the Pumas can continue playing at this level for the rest of the season, it appears that the only team that can really stop the Pumas is the Pumas themselves.



Keep it up!



Congratulations



## Fantasy Football Dreams Fulfilled

By Elizabeth Klocek, *Columnist*

I have two words for you people: Shaun Alexander. If I were not already dating a fair portion of the New England Patriots (and the Boston Red Sox), as well as Tiki and Ronde Barber (okay, maybe I just hang out with them, dating brothers could present some issues), Shaun Alexander would be the latest addition to my harem (polyandry doesn't get enough play). I figure that's the least I could do, since he won Fantasy Football for me. That's right, **I won**. In fact, as the last few weeks wound down, I was killing. In my final match-up, the one that garnered me all the fame and glory you see before you, I won by a forty point margin, against my fiancé. He didn't take it so well; he claims he let me win. He's just bitter, we'll see if he encourages me to play again next year.

In the world of Fantasy Sports on Yahoo, one might call me an expert, okay, maybe I might call myself an expert. In my first foray into Fantasy Sports, the March Madness Pick 'Em last year, I took third place. And now . . . I have conquered the world of Fantasy Football.

And yet, I still know nothing. All the grand plans I had laid out at the beginning of the season came to nothing. I watched a football game, well part of a football game . . . that was on Thanksgiving. Oh wait, I did watch another game, Christmas day, the one where all the Packers' offensive lineman left Brett Favre to finish the game on his own (I enjoyed it). And I listened to the tail-end of a Pats game on the radio a few weeks ago; we won. (As all fans know, regardless of team or sport, when your team wins, you were clearly an integral part in the victory, ergo "we.") And now the Super Bowl. The game of the year, the time to hang out with all your friends and gorge yourself in front of the TV, and yet, this year, I feel there is nothing pushing me to watch. The Patriots suffered their first post-season loss under Tom (Brady).

And the Bears, the team on which everyone had placed such high hopes, fell the next day. Despite these blows to my morale and interest in football viewing for February the fifth, I console myself with the fact that the Colts, shall not be going to the Super Bowl either. I realize I make such, perhaps, offensive statements in Indiana, home of the Colts. I don't care. I do not like Peyton Manning, the end.

I was going to claim that I had at least mastered some new football vocabulary, namely, the blitz, by the end of the season. I did not. I finally had the blitz explained to me a few weeks ago, but it was so unimpressive a definition, that I forgot, and had to call long distance to find out what it meant again today just to write this article. With a name like "blitz," I expected something dramatic, limbs getting snapped off, explosions, all out warfare on the field. Apparently not. Perhaps I should have recalled that I have never seen such behavior outside of a halftime show. The definition of a blitz, if anyone out there is as athletically uneducated as myself, is a play in which the defensive team sends more players than usual to sack the quarterback. Apparently, on a regular play, the fat guys like Warren Sapp go for the quarterback, but a blitz is when everybody and their mother goes after him. I think I was better off not knowing what a blitz was; all my delusions have been destroyed. And if I have botched that definition at all it's because I cannot take dictation, though I did check it with that stellar internet resource, Wikipedia, and it looks right to me.

As the NFL season winds down, I console myself with the fact that I went into Fantasy Football with more sense in my head than this (courtesy of comedian Brian Regan), "Yay, go team go. Go, go my favorite sports team go. Yay, they scored a goal unit basket. Go squadron, do good, beat the opponents soundly, in the skirmish."

### Answers to "Must Know Trivia"

1. Hawaii
2. Tunis
3. Venezuela
4. Montreal
5. Texas
6. Goliad Gees
7. Blitz
8. Turkey
9. Seventeen
10. Rex Gossman and/or Kye Otron
11. Rex Gossman and/or Kye Otron
12. Fenway Park
13. Bosphorus
14. Hawks
15. Bridie

## Editor's Picks to Click: "Must Know" Sports Trivia

1. Where did the SJC men's basketball team play over Christmas break?
2. Where are the 2006 Winter Olympics located?
3. What is Ozzie Guillen's country of origin?
4. What is the former name of the Washington Nationals?
5. Who won the 2006 Rose Bowl?
6. What is the name of the SJC baseball field?
7. What is the football play in which all defensive players try to sack the quarterback?
8. What is it called when you bowl three strikes in a row?
9. How many victories has the SJC men's basketball team achieved as of 1/22/06?
10. Who is the SJC Fieldhouse named after?
11. Who is the quarterback for "Da Bears"?
12. Where is the home of the "Green Monster"?
13. What is Coach Lou's last name?
14. What is the mascot for Virginia Tech?
15. What is it called when you shoot one under par in golf?

## NFL Playoff Recap

By Andrew Costello, *Staff Writer*

The only thing good about January seems to be the NFL playoffs. I mean, seriously, that is one of the only things I think about (well, besides having to trek back to Indiana to go to college and leaving behind friends and family after too short of a break). Just think about it...loyal Bears and Colts fans have waited a long time to see their teams rise to fame once again with a shot at bringing home the Lombardi Trophy. One team must surpass eleven other teams and fully celebrate in the culmination of a great season. Judging from the great games already, February 5<sup>th</sup> looks to be quite exhilarating.

Week one of the playoffs saw the resurgence of the Joe Gibbs era in D.C., as the Redskins dismantled the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Carolina Panthers exposed the naiveté of the New York Giants by shutting them out 23-0 with a punishing defense. In week two, the Denver Broncos dashed the Patriots' hopes of completing an unprecedented three-peat by capitalizing on turnovers and pressuring two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady. In Chicago, Steve Smith became public enemy No. 1 after receiving for over 200 yards. About ninety minutes south on I-65, the dream

season for Peyton Manning and the Colts ended on a missed field goal.

Championship Sunday saw the Steelers ride Jerome "The Bus" Bettis all the way to Motown, punching a ticket for Super Bowl XL after defeating the Broncos 34-17 in Mile High Stadium. The Steelers become just the first sixth seed to ever make the Big Game, defeating the one, two, and three-seeded teams on the road. Although they did not win their division, the AFC North still belongs to the Bill Cowher regime. As for the NFC, the Seahawks exacted revenge on the Panthers for Chicago's loyal fans, decimating Jake Delhomme, containing Steve Smith in a 34-14 victory, and finally crossing their names off the list of teams who hadn't made the Super Bowl.

And so it goes. A Seahawks-Steelers Super Bowl. Who would have imagined it? The Colts and Falcons were the predominate favorites in their respective conferences, but that's why they play the game. This match-up favors one of the league's potent offenses and one of the league's toughest defenses in recent years. However, both teams are dynamic on both sides of the ball. The Seahawks will predominately run the ball behind Shaun Alexander, utilize wide receivers Darrell



# What's Your Sign?

**Capricorn** (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)  
If you need extra money, get a job. You are an adult now, so stop relying on Mommy and Daddy for your funds. Take time to stay focused—do not let others get in the way of your dreams. Self-discipline will keep you on course.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 17)  
Stop being so emotional. Does someone have a case of the Mondays? Stop taking everyone so seriously, and put a smile on your face. You only live once—stop taking everything around you for granted.

**Pisces** (Feb. 18 - March 20)  
Give and you shall receive. Do not take "no" as your final answer. Persistence and perseverance go hand in hand. You have the power to overcome hardships—just follow your instincts. Good guys do not always finish last.

**Aries** (March 21 - April 19)  
If you want something done right, do it yourself. Now is the time to have your feelings in writing to cleanse your soul. Problems may be arising with the one you love; tell him or her how you feel. Now is the time to heal and start fresh.

**Taurus** (April 20 - May 19)  
Get off your bottom and do something. Stop being so lazy and do something for a change. Your television and computer will still be there when you get back. A happy surprise is upon you.

**Gemini** (May 20 - June 20)  
Do not be so insecure and gain some confidence. You have it going on, so strut your stuff. This is the time for you to shine in all that you do. Others will follow your footsteps if you take the lead.

Divined by our own Auntie Cleo



**Cancer** (June 21 - July 21)

Stop being so sensitive—do not take everything people say around you seriously. Stop pretending to be something you are not. The actions you take today will affect you tomorrow. Now is the time to become physically and spiritually fit.

**Leo** (July 22 - Aug. 22)

Is there some trouble in your love life? Now is the time to decide if you are happier with or without your significant other. Try going out with your crew for a change. Listen to the guidance of your friends; they know what is good for you.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 21)

You have been showing too much of your dark side lately. Smile! Kill others with kindness rather than creating enemies. It is a small campus and hard to hide from those you do not get along with.

Take the lead to solve problems when drama arrives.

**Libra** (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

It is a new year—get out of boring room and celebrate. Spending hours on Facebook is not helping your social life. This is the perfect time for competition—you could handle a big challenge.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You are not an angel, so stop hiding your horns and tail. People are starting to see through your nice guy image. Learn to be comfortable in your own skin. No one likes a phony, so just be you.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 20)

Life is getting rather crazy. Learn to use your Puma Guide or things will be more unorganized. If a good friend lets you down do not hold a grudge. "Friends love at all times."

## Overheard

Welcome to Omega's newest journalistic endeavor. Hear something absurd or ridiculous lately? Want to embarrass your friends? Well, all randomly heard comments are anonymous, but feel free to e-mail what you have overheard to your Omega editors today at [dwj5079@saintjoe.edu](mailto:dwj5079@saintjoe.edu) to ensure a good laugh tomorrow!

If your big sister is anything like mine, don't smoke anything out of an apple.

I've got a heart like a My Little Pony.

Did you know that there are multiple uses for cheesecloth?

They're gonna tear down Dwenger, and the demons are going to go crazy!

I took on the smart girls today in Core. And I lost.

Next time there's a fight, call me. I want to check it out.

Talk etymology to me.

The difference between Democrats and Republicans is that Democrats have souls and Republicans eat puppies.

The only problem I have with the caf. is the little, hard, white things in the sausage. Other than that, I have no complaints.

If Ibsen didn't write it, you can't say it.

(cough)  
I just had a flashback to my high school days.

I'm an expert on women.

You're as unsullied as the moon.

## Out and About

### The Big Swing Band

\*What? Dance 1940s-style to Lafayette's own Big Swing Band.  
\*When? 9 PM on Saturday, January 28.  
\*Where? The second floor of the Lafayette Brewing Company at 622 Main Street in Lafayette, Indiana.  
\*How much? Tickets are \$6.  
\*For more information, check out [lafayettbrewingco.com](http://lafayettbrewingco.com).

### Mozart and More

\*Who? Trumpeter Terri Ewigleben plays for the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra.  
\*What? A performance of Mozart's Symphony No. 41 (the Jupiter Symphony) in addition to works by Handel and Telemann.  
\*When? 8 PM on Saturday, January 28.  
\*Where? The Long Center at 111 N. 6th Street in Lafayette, Indiana.  
\*For more info, log on to [lafayettesymphony.org](http://lafayettesymphony.org).

## Come see the Columbian Players' production of Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House*

February 2-4  
8 PM in the Theatre  
Doors Open at 7:30 PM

One of the best known, most frequently performed of modern plays, Henrik Ibsen's social realist drama *A Doll's House* gives the audience a glimpse into the daily life of a nineteenth-century woman coping with gaining her own independence while struggling with her oppressive society. The play builds to a climax, leading to the most famous doorslam in theatrical history.



## Forging New Paths

A Unitarian Universalist wants to start a fellowship in the Rensselaer area. If you value diverse religious beliefs, compassion in human relations, freedom in the search for truth and meaning, and respect for the interdependent web of life, call (219) 394-2646 and ask for Barb. Learn more about the U.U. faith at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org). If it interests you, visit our fellowship.

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## Word to the Wise

### Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for Jan 27 - Feb 2  
(219) 866-2222

[www.fountainstonetheaters.com](http://www.fountainstonetheaters.com)

#### Big Momma's House 2

Fri: 5:10, 7:00, 8:50 (PG-13)  
Sat: 3:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:50  
Sun: 3:10, 5:10, 7:00  
Mon-Th: 5:10, 7:00

#### Fun with Dick and Jane

Fri: 5:30, 7:30, 9:10 (PG-13)  
Sat: 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:10  
Sun: 3:30, 5:30, 7:30  
Mon-Th: 5:30, 7:30

#### Hoodwinked

Fri: 5:00, 6:50, 8:30 (PG)  
Sat: 3:20, 5:00, 6:50, 8:30  
Sun: 3:20, 5:00, 6:50  
Mon-Th: 5:00, 6:50

#### Glory Road

Fri: 5:10, 7:20 (PG)  
Sat: 3:00, 5:10, 7:20  
Sun: 3:00, 5:10, 7:20  
Mon-Th: 5:10, 7:20

#### Underworld Evolution

Fri: 5:10, 7:10, 9:10 (R)  
Sat: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10  
Sun: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10  
Mon-Th: 5:10, 7:10